onward upto the announcement of DPCO, 1987 yearwise and what is the rate of recovery ; and

(f) what was the price fixed for each and price charged under DPCO, 1979?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a), (c) and (d) The amount recoverable from the companies is not yet finalised.

(b) An amount of Rs. 2·19 crores has been received from M/s. Glindia Ltd.

(e) The details of production of drugs to the extent available are given below :

(Unit: Kgs.)

	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
Betamethasone						
Glindia Ltd . . .	583.00	613.88	712.64	735.19	818.00	858.00
Dexamethasone						
Mrind Ltd . .	152.39	128.38	160.95	169.14	236.32	134.00

(f) The required details to the extent available are given below :

	Price fixed under DPCO, 1979 (Rs/gm.)	Price charged by the Company (Rs/gm.)
Glind ia Ltd .		
Betamethasone Alcohol	113.34	134.28
Betamethasone 17-Valerate	105.85	220.00
Betamethasone Di Sodium Phosphate . .	126.23	225.00
Merind Ltd.		
Dexamethasone Pure	51.30	92.62
Dexamethasone 21-Phosphate	55.10	195.37

Inter-ministerial committee for identification of drugs for NHP

2485. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of drugs identified by expert committee needed for eleven National Health Programmes ;

(b) what are the names of drugs in which country has attached self-sufficiency ;

(c) what are the name of drugs which are totally imported ;

(d) whether it is a fact that committee was asked to identify drugs needed for National Health

Programmes as per the policy announced ;

(e) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry has now changed the decision to appoint inter-ministerial committee in this regard ; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL): (a), (d) (e) and (f) No such committee has been appointed by this Ministry for this purpose.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Production of Lorazepam

2486. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Lorazepam is being produced in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that huge capacities of this drug has been indigenously created;

(c) what are the reasons for allowing the import of this drug and what steps are being taken to save foreign exchange and encourage indigenous production; and

(d) by when Government will recommend for ban on its import ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) Production of Lorazepam is not monitored by this Ministry.

(b) To the extent information is available only one Unit is holding licence in the organised sector for manufacture of Lorazepam.

(c) and (d) The import policy of a drug is determined in consideraton of several factors such as demand and availability, technology etc. To encourage indigenous production Lorazepam has been delicensed.

Categorisation of drugs required for National Health Programme

2487. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that as per policy statement announced in December, 1986 it was clearly spelt out that drugs needed for National Health Programmes would be covered under Category-I of Drugs Prices Control Order;

(b) whether it is a fact that the policy statement had the approval of the cabinet ; and

(c) whether these drugs would be taken back to price controlled category, if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) and (c) All the drugs included in Category-I under DPCO, 1987 are required for the National Health Programme and were included in Schedule I of the DPCO on the basis of recommendation of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.